

instrument will be used to analyze by high resolution mass spectrometry synthetic and naturally occurring nucleosides as part of an effort to create new anti-viral and anti-cancer drugs. In addition, the instrument will be used to train professional and graduate students in mass spectrometry. Application Accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 1, 1996.

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*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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### Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

Shriners Hospital has withdrawn Docket Number 95-077, an application for duty-free entry of a 3-Dimensional Motion Analyzer System, Model VICON 370. We have discontinued processing in accordance with Section 301.5(g) of 15 CFR part 301.

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### Certain Iron Metal Castings From India: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain iron metal castings from India. We preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be zero or *de minimis* for Delta Enterprises and Super Iron Foundry, and 5.45 percent *ad valorem* for all other companies for the period January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993. If the final results remain the same as these preliminary results of administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties as indicated above. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 22, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Cassel or Lorenza Olivas, Office of Countervailing Compliance, Import Administration, International

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On October 16, 1980, the Department published in the Federal Register (45 FR 50739) the countervailing duty order on certain iron-metal castings from India. On October 7, 1994, the Department published a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" (59 FR 51166) of this countervailing duty order. We received a timely request for review from the Municipal Castings Fair Trade Council and individually-named members on October 24, 1994.

We initiated the review, covering the period January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993, on November 14, 1994 (59 FR 56549). The review covers 14 manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise and six programs.

##### Applicable Statute and Regulations

The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are in reference to the provisions as they existed on December 31, 1994. However, references to the Department's *Countervailing Duties; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Public Comments*, 54 FR 23366 (May 31, 1989) (*Proposed Regulations*), are provided solely for further explanation of the Department's countervailing duty practice. Although the Department has withdrawn the particular rulemaking proceeding pursuant to which the *Proposed Regulations* were issued, the subject matter of these regulations is being considered in connection with an ongoing rulemaking proceeding which, among other things, is intended to conform the Department's regulations to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. See 60 FR 80 (Jan. 3, 1995).

##### Scope of the Review

Imports covered by the review are shipments of Indian manhole covers and frames, clean-out covers and frames, and catch basin grates and frames. These articles are commonly called municipal or public works castings and are used for access or drainage for public utility, water, and sanitary systems. During the review period, such merchandise was classifiable under the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule* (HTS) item numbers

7325.10.0010 and 7325.10.0050. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

##### Verification

As provided in section 776(b) of the Act, we verified information provided by the Government of India and, six producers/exporters of the subject merchandise. We followed standard verification procedures, including meeting with government and company officials, and examination of relevant accounting and original source documents. Our verification results are outlined in the public versions of the verification reports, which are on file in the Central Records Unit (Room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building).

##### Calculation Methodology for Assessment and Cash Deposit Purposes

In accordance with *Ceramica Regiomontana, S.A. v. United States*, 853 F. Supp. 431 (CIT 1994), we calculated the net subsidy on a country-wide basis by first calculating the subsidy rate for each company subject to the administrative review. We then weight-averaged the rate received by each company using as the weight its share of total Indian exports to the United States of subject merchandise, including all companies, even those with *de minimis* and zero rates. We then summed the individual companies' weight-averaged rates to determine the subsidy rate from all programs benefitting exports of subject merchandise to the United States.

Since the country-wide rate calculated using this methodology was above *de minimis*, as defined by 19 CFR § 355.7 (1994), we proceeded to the next step and examined the net subsidy rate calculated for each company to determine whether individual company rates differed significantly from the weighted-average country-wide rate, pursuant to 19 CFR 355.22(d)(3). Two companies (Delta Enterprises and Super Iron Foundry) had significantly different net subsidy rates during the review period pursuant to 19 CFR 355.22(d)(3). The rate for these companies was zero. These companies are treated separately for assessment and cash deposit purposes. All other companies are assigned the country-wide rate.

##### Analysis of Programs

##### I. Programs Conferring Subsidies

A. Programs Previously Determined to Confer Subsidies

1. Pre-Shipment Export Financing. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI),